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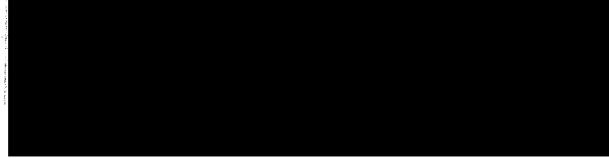
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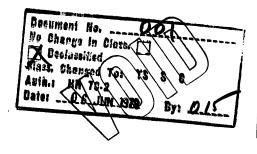
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The shortage of scrap iron in the DDR has become so acute that a special committee was formed to investigate all possible scraps. The scrap iron need for 1950 is set at 1,300,000 tons. The optimum amount that can be collected within the DDR is estimated at 930,000 tons subdivided as follows:

Old scrap from war 167,800 from fields and woods 40,600	T
" " from wrecked buildings 85,300	
New screp from production 212.400	
Scrap collected by public 14.900	
" from sunken ships 79,000	T
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The committee has written to Minister of Industry Selbmann asking that he arrange for the import of 400,000 tons of scrap iron from foreign coun ries, or else arrange to obtain this quantity from West Germany. It is pointed out that the whole economic plan of the DDR is endangered if sufficient scrap iron is not obtained.



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